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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being submitted for consideration by the Examiner without any admission that it constitutes statutory prior art, or without any admission that it contains subject matter that anticipates the invention or renders the invention obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

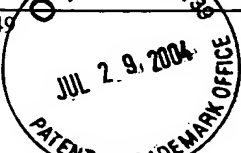
Further, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e), the undersigned hereby certifies that each listed reference was first cited in a Communication (copy enclosed) from a foreign patent office in connection with a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

Please note that a reference of JP-2002-055060 cited in the Communication was submitted concurrently with the application.

Although no fees are believed to be due at this time, it is respectfully requested that any such fees be charged to Deposit Account 50-1147. Also, the Examiner is requested to initial the attached PTO Form-1449 and to return a copy of same to the undersigned attorney as proof that the listed references have been considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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REFERENCE DESIGNATION

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS
		US 2003/038179 A1	2/27/2003	Tsikos		
		US 6,212,012	4/3/2001	Tanaka		
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		JP-A-2000-241755	9/8/2000	JAPAN					X	

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OTHER REFERENCES (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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